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DATE: May 27, 2010
TO: Arizona State Veterinarian
FROM: Dr. Leonard E. Eldridge, Washington State Veterinarian
RE: LIVESTOCK ENTERING WASHINGTON STATE FROM ARIZONA

The Arizona Department of Agriculture has released information on this date that Vesicular Stomatitis Virus was confirmed in horses on a premise in Cochise County.

Washington State will now require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within twenty-four hours on all livestock entering the state from Arizona and must contain the following:

1. An entry permit number;
2. The temperature reading of each horse at the time of inspection; and
3. The following statement written by an accredited veterinarian:

"All animals identified on this certificate have been examined and found to be free from clinical signs of Vesicular Stomatitis. During the past thirty days, these animals have not been exposed to Vesicular Stomatitis or located within ten miles of an area where Vesicular Stomatitis has been diagnosed."

Cattle entering Washington State from a state where Vesicular Stomatitis has been diagnosed must be held at their destination separate and apart from all other cattle for a period of seven days and reexamined by an accredited veterinarian at the end of that period.

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